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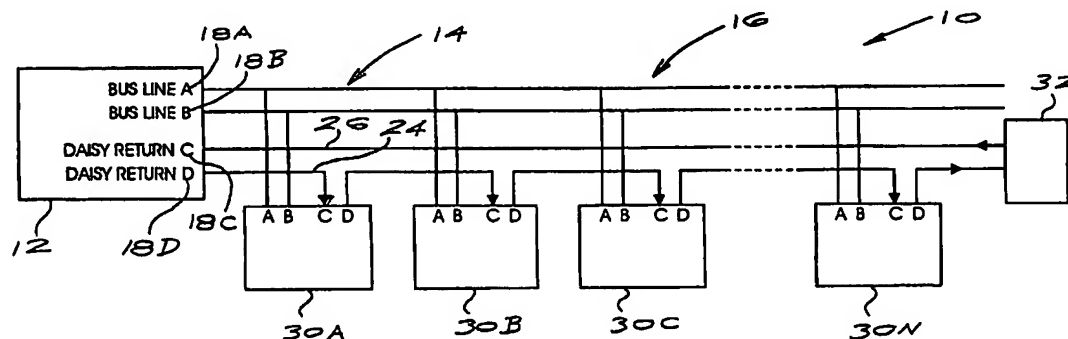
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(57) Abstract: A blasting system which includes a control unit, a communications bus which is connected to the control unit, a plurality of detonators which are connected in sequence to the communications bus along its length, and a daisy chain connection between the control unit and the detonators, and wherein, within the sequence of detonators, a first detonator makes use of the daisy chain connection to enable a second following detonator so that data can be exchanged between the control unit and the second detonator using the communications bus.

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